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SUBJECT: CAIRO PAPER RESURRECTS CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN
BEIRUT RAID

1. APRIL 25 GUMHURIYYA CARRIES FIRST- PAGE ARTICLE STATING THAT, ACCORDING TO BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS (PRESUMABLY MUHARRIR), US " FORCES" BELONGING TO US EMBASSY IN BEIRUT PLAYED A " LARGE ROLE" IN APRIL 10 BEIRUT RAID. GUMHURIYYA STATES THAT, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN RAID WAS GREATER THAN THAT WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY SIX CARS, AND THAT THIS FACT REINFORCES THE IDEA OF US PARTICIPATION IN RAID. GUMHURIYYA CLOSES WITH STATEMENT THAT AMEMBASSY BEIRUT HAS DENIED STORY AS BEING WITHOUT BASIS.

2. REPORT IS NOT CARRIED BY AHAM OR AKHBAR. AT THIS POINT IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE MORE THAN AN ISOLATED ATTEMPT TO RESURRECT CHARGE OF US COMPLICITY IN RAID, BUT IT DOES PARALLEL OTHER CAIRO PRESS REPORTS (COVERED SEPARATELY

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